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1. The power plant and the chemical combine of the Tiszapalkonya area are under construction on the western bank of the Tisza river about 1½ km below the point where the Tisza-Polgar highway crosses the river over a bridge. Up to June 1956 this steel bridge (rebuilt after World War II) has only been used by the highway although when it was constructed there were plans to build it in a way that it would be able to carry additional railway tracks. I have heard that in the very near future, the new railway line which was constructed as far as Tiszapalkonya will be extended across this bridge to Tisza-Polgar. After completion this project will create a new rather important connection between the areas east and west of the Tisza.

2. The hydroelectric power plant in Tiszapalkonya is the more advanced project, of the two mentioned. According to statements of the management, this plant will be put into operation in the middle of 1957. The chemical combine called "Tiszamenti Vegyi Kombinat" will be finished within three years at the latest.

3. I do not know what the production of this enterprise will be. I have heard that the plant will be taken over by a Hungaro-Rumanian trust set up several years ago for the refining of crude oil and natural gas. I have heard that the natural gas will be supplied by a long-distance pipeline from Rumania, fulfilling an arrangement within the trust and that the crude oil will come from the area of Mezokeresztes. I have heard another rumor that claims that the new chemical combine will concentrate on the production of fertilizer and nitrates.

4. Almost all villages of the Tiszapalkonya area have been collectivized, such as Sajoszoged, Tisza Szederkeny, Sajoors, and Girincs, where the large manor house from pre-war times has been adapted as a children's home.

5. The flood control project for the Sajo river which was started shortly after World War II was postponed, although almost every year the area between Nagyrecse and Sajo-Keszmyteten is flooded during the spring.

[On file in CIA Map Library is a sketch of the Tiszapalkonya area prepared by the source. The sketch is drawn to a scale of 1: 75,000 and shows the location of the power plant, chemical combine and surrounding areas. UNCLASSIFIED]

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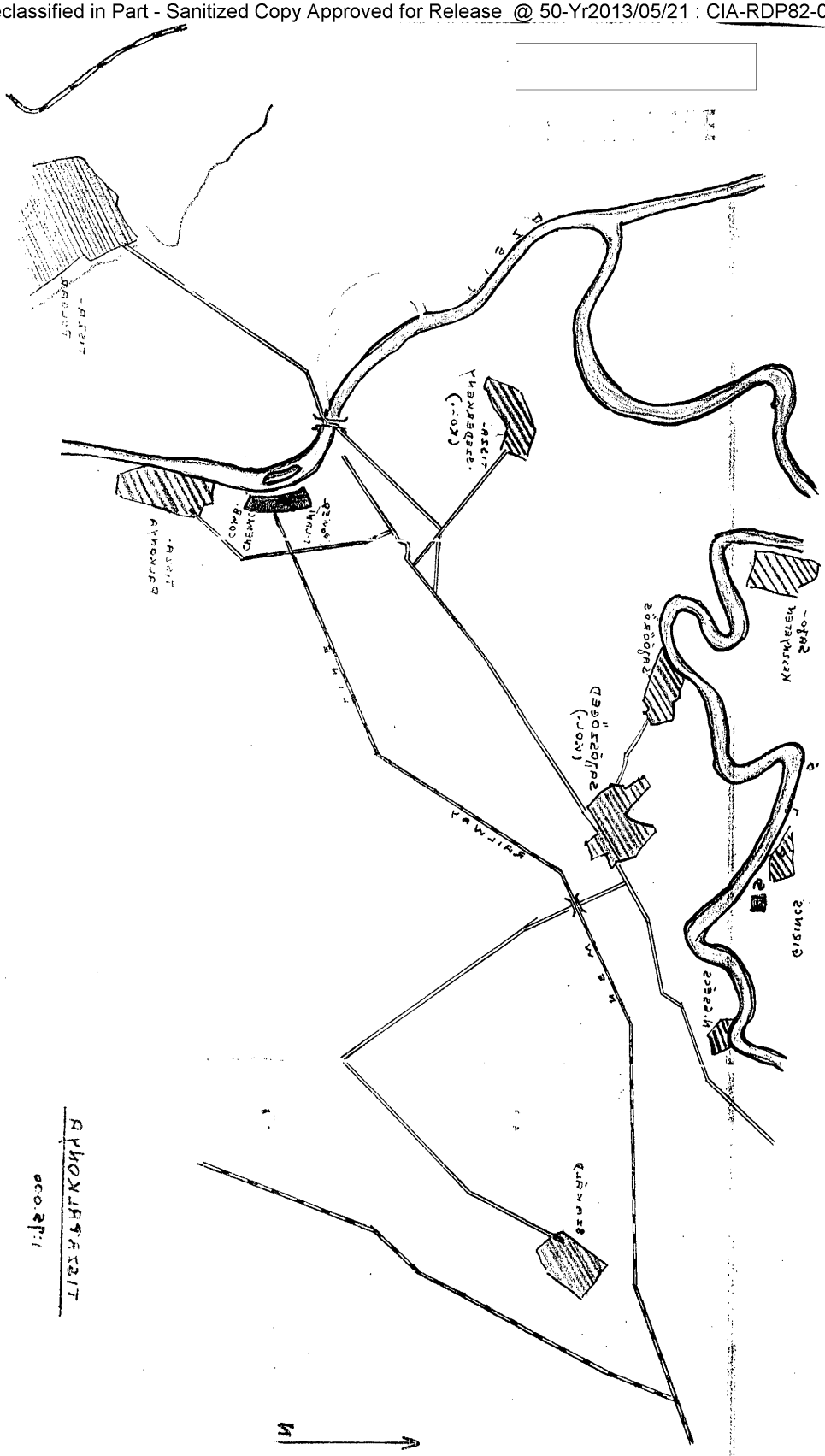

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